

### Amendments to the Claims

1-37. (Cancelled)

38. (Currently amended) An oral liquid preparation,  
comprising ~~the~~ a liquid matrix according to claim 25 and a medicine,  
wherein the liquid matrix contains a water-soluble polymer and an insoluble alkaline  
earth metal salt,  
the pH of the preparation is neutral or basic so as not to dissolve the insoluble alkaline  
earth metal salt,  
the water-soluble polymer is at least one member selected from the group consisting of  
alginic acid, a salt thereof, pectin, and guar gum, and  
the water-soluble polymer turns into a gel when exposed to the strong acidity of stomach  
acid, and the breaking stress of the gel is about  $3.00 \times 10^2$  N/m<sup>2</sup> or more.

39-48. (Cancelled)

49. (New) The oral liquid preparation according to claim 38, wherein the insoluble alkaline earth metal salt is calcium carbonate or calcium phosphate.

50. (New) The oral liquid preparation according to claim 38, wherein the molar ratio of the insoluble alkaline earth metal salt to the carboxyl group or sulfonic acid group in the structure of the water-soluble polymer is 1 to 10, and the content of the insoluble alkaline earth metal salt is 10% by mass or less based on the amount of the preparation.

51. (New) The oral liquid preparation according to claim 38, wherein the molar ratio of the insoluble alkaline earth metal salt to the carboxyl group or sulfonic acid group in the structure of the water-soluble polymer is 3 to 5, and the content of the insoluble alkaline earth metal salt is 5% by mass or less based on the amount of the preparation.

52. (New) An oral liquid preparation,  
comprising a liquid matrix and a medicine,  
wherein the liquid matrix contains a sodium alginate and an insoluble alkaline earth metal salt,  
the pH of the preparation is neutral or basic so as not to dissolve the insoluble alkaline earth metal salt,  
the sodium alginate turns into a gel when exposed to the strong acidity of stomach acid,  
the breaking stress of the gel is about  $3.00 \times 10^2$  N/m<sup>2</sup> or more,  
the molar ratio of the insoluble alkaline earth metal salt to the carboxyl group or sulfonic acid group in the structure of the sodium alginate and pectin is 3 to 5, and  
the content of the insoluble alkaline earth metal salt is 5% by mass or less based on the amount of the preparation.

53. (New) The oral liquid preparation according to claim 52, wherein the insoluble alkaline earth metal salt is calcium carbonate or calcium phosphate.